



**Edwinstree Term dates:**

<https://www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/school/term-dates.aspx>

**Homework Timetable: Week commencing 16/09/24 - A**

**Diary Dates:**

16-18/09/24	Year 7 Residential – Essex Outdoors Bradwell.
26/09/24	Year 5 “Getting to know you” Parents meeting 5pm
30/09/24	Flu vaccinations (all years)
10/10/24	Edwinstree Open Evening 5.45pm-8.15pm Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm
16/10/24	Lord Lieutenant visit to Year 7
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term.
18/11/24	6A/6C Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
19/11/24	6B/6D Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
21/11/24	5C/5D Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
22/11/24	5A/5B Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
05/12/24	Fullness Day – Mental Health/Wellbeing more details to follow
06/12/24	Occasional Day.
20/12/24	End of Term 1:20pm.
06/01/25	INSET Day
13/01/25	Year 8 HPV Vaccination
14/01/25	7A & 7C - Online Academic Review
16/01/25	5A & 5D - Online Academic Review
21/01/25	7B, 7D, 5B - Online Academic Review
23/01/25	5C - Online Academic Review / Year 8 In Person Foundation Evening
03-06/02/25	Year 6 Mock SATs
25/02/25	6A & 6D - Online Academic Review
04/03/25	6B & 6C - Online Academic Review
10/03/25	6A Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6B Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
11/03/25	6C Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6D Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
20/03/25	Year 7 In Person Foundation Evening
04/03/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
22/04/25	Start of Term
05/05/25	Bank Holiday
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs
26-30/05/25	Half Term
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening
27/06/25	INSET Day
10/07/25	Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

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**Who are the team of people that work with SEND students?**

We no longer use one SENCO to lead all the SEND students within the school, as the number of SEND students has increased by 100% in the last two years. This is not unusual for a main-stream school post COVID. We now have a team of staff who lead the SEND support within the school. Here they are, with the areas they support in:

- **Ms Campany** is our SENCO who with Mrs Carter leads on the EHCP reviews and writing. She is also our dyslexic Lead.
- **Mrs Carter** works with year 5 transition SEND students and is our Autism Lead.
- **Mrs Arnold** leads the pupil power unit which supports students who struggle to learn without an additional adult to supervise.
- **Mrs Harris** is our Mental Health team, and she Leads the Wellbeing Hub that support all students who are struggling with their mental health for a variety of reasons.
- **Mrs Surrey** works alongside Mrs Harris to support in the Wellbeing Hub.
- **Mrs Bailey** supports students most at risk of school avoidance. Her base is the Sunrise room.

If you wish to contact the SEND team – use the SENCO email, depending on the need this will be distributed to one of the SEND team above. [senco@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk). By the end of this month those students and parents on the register will receive information on who their link SEND contact is from the team above, and how and when we will formally communicate with them about their child’s needs, provision and wellbeing.

## What have your children been thinking about in COWO?

In COWO we have been considering what it means to be a Church of England school.

We have been reminding and exploring the bible text, John 15:4:11.

*Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*

While with us at Edwinstree, students will abide, live within and alongside God. We have been exploring what this means through our vision values and virtues.

We would love you to quiz your child about what it means to be living in a Church of England school, are our messages resonating with your child?

## Why is there so much cover next week, and how will it impact my child?

Next week 100+ year 7 students are away on the Bradwell Residential trip, which will generate substantial cover as teachers who are on the trip are covered by the team still in school. For any Year 7 students remaining in school, please find below their timetable.

	Registration	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Registration
Remaining Y7's Mon 16th	MISS MURSELL Room 31	MRS BRIGHT ROOM 2	MRS GANT ROOM 29	MR NASH COMPUTING ROOM	ROOM 31	ROOM 31	MISS MURSELL Room 31
Remaining Y7's Tues 17th	MISS MURSELL ROOM 31	MRS SHELLEY COMPUTING ROOM	MISS MURSELL OUTSIDE (WEATHER DEPENDENT)	MISS M JACKSON MUSIC ROOM	MRS SHELLEY PE ACTIVITY	MISS CAMPANY - Room 31	MISS MURSELL ROOM 31
Remaining Y7's Wed 18th	MISS MURSELL ROOM 31	MRS BRIGHT ROOM 2	MRS KELLY ROOM 13	MS.THEROULD E ROOM 28	MRS VAN.WYK ROOM 29	MRS BOOTH ROOM 32	MISS MURSELL ROOM 31

## What is Open evening?

We invite the community and prospective parents into the school to tour and hear the Heads speech. If you are a parent of a year 5 or 8 student, we would like them to attend to help us with the tours of the school. If you are able to support by allowing your child to take part between 6 and 8pm, please reserve the date. Letters and more information will follow in the next couple of weeks.

## What trips are you operating this year?

We are waiting until Monday to review your comments on what is affordable for the majority of parents this year for trips. We ask that by the end of Monday you complete the anonymous form. After this we will collate and take the most common answer as our guide. We will then secure trips within the budget and set up payment windows for this year.

## What is year 5 Getting to know meeting about?

This is a time for Year 5 Parents to come and meet the tutor, the mental health and SEND team and to hear from the Head of Maths, and English about what learning your child will be doing this year. Your child is welcome to attend with you.

## Year 7 Residential – 16-18<sup>th</sup> September

We are looking forward to spending time with the students. Please ensure any medication is handed to Reception and a Med1 form completed.

## How can you support your child's wellbeing?

Please can we remind Parent/Carers that mobile phones are not necessary in school. If your child does have one, please can we ask that wherever possible you make sure that phones are not stored in rooms overnight. We repeatedly come across online issues occurring in the early hours of the morning.

Could we also ask that you monitor closely any involvement your child has with WhatsApp and Snapchat as these are the most likely places for peer-on-peer abuse to take place. We would always recommend that chat groups, etc are set up with only their closest friends.

## Homework timetable

Attached to the newsletter is the Homework timetable for this term. Next week is Week A and we will have a prompt of which week it is in the newsletter each week. Please take time to read the information from subject leads, so that you know what topic of homework will be set.

All homework can be accessed through 'Satchel One'. Please contact Mrs Heywood ([r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)) if you are having issues with logging on.

## Afterschool Enrichment Clubs.

Due to the Year 7 Residential next week, unfortunately Pokémon Club and KS3 Rugby's start date will be delayed, and will now start on Monday 23rd September.

We will be offering an additional club with British Cycling to train students on BMX skills, we are just finalising these details with the provider and hope to get information out by the end of September.

## ESA

### School Disco – 27th September 5-7pm

The ESA would like to invite all students to an outside school Disco, their first event of the school year of term. This year tickets need to be purchased via the **Sum Up shop** by clicking on the link below. You will need to add your child's details to the 'Message for merchant box' on the payment page.

[School Disco - Please read instructions carefully \(sumupstore.com\)](#) If you are a parent willing to provide 2 hours of your time to help us run the event, please email [admin@edwinstree.herts.ch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.ch.uk)

See flyer attached.

**Please note, if the forecast is for heavy rain, the event will be postponed, and we will notify by midday on the day.**

### Annual General Meeting Thursday 10th October 5pm

Everyone is invited to join us for the ESA AGM which will take place at school just before our Open Evening. If you would like to find out more about how funds were raised and spent last year and get involved with raising and spending money this year, please come along. You don't have to hold a committee position to be involved. We will plan our calendar of events for the coming year, so if you have any ideas but can't make the meeting, please email us

[edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com](mailto:edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com)

*As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.  
As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*

## Art Department Plea

If anyone would like to donate an apron to the art room, please send into Mrs Burches. Thank you.

## Regenerate Bone Broth Survey

Regenerate Bone Broth is a start-up founded by passionate individuals from Anglia Ruskin and Cambridge University, with the support of The Homerton Changemakers. Their main goal is to empower UK parents in promoting healthier eating habits for their children.

They are currently surveying to understand children's nutritional intake across the UK. By completing this survey, parents will contribute to developing tools and products to boost nutritional intake for children. They believe that this information will be invaluable in shaping the future of children's health and well-being.

As an incentive for parents to participate in the survey, they offer exciting prizes in a draw on the 22nd of September at 12pm, which will be live on Facebook. The prizes include free entry tickets for Willows Activity Centre, Shepreth Wildlife Park, punting in Cambridge, and free annual passes for the Cambridge Science Centre. Please see information attached.

## Nessie

[Understanding my Autism/ADHD - My World & Me - School Years 5-6 - In Person – Herts](#)

'My World & Me' is a 12-week group programme for up to 8 children/young people who live in Hertfordshire and who are diagnosed with Autism/ADHD.

**These sessions will take place in Puckeridge.**

Each week will run for 1 hour.

This group will be run by two Nessie Autism/LD specialists and aims to support your child/ young person to have an opportunity to meet other young people of a similar age. Focusing on celebrating your child's strengths and uniqueness this group aims to be fun whilst supporting the development of confidence, independence and resilience.

The young people for this group will be in school years 5-6. This event is funded by Hertfordshire County Council

Please use this link to book: [Nessie Public Booking Platform V2.0 \(procfu.com\)](#)

## Proposal for 100-place satellite provision

Please find attached a letter from County regarding a proposal to enlarge Amwell View School, a community special school in Stanstead Abbots for children aged 2 – 19 years old with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), by 100 places through the opening of a satellite provision in Buntingford from January 2028.

### Have your say.

You have until 6 October 2024 to let the county council know your views on the proposal. The easiest way you can do this is by completing the online form at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/consultations>

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